

University of Central Florida Mission

UCF is a public research university invested in unleashing the potential within every individual, enriching the human experience through inclusion, discovery and innovation, and propelling broad-based prosperity for the many communities we serve.

2022–27 Strategic Plan: Unleashing Potential

Amplifying the power of knowledge and discovery, the University of Central Florida unleashes the potential of our students, faculty, staff, and community. As a next-generation public research institution, we are an inclusive community of thinkers, doers, creators, innovators, healers, and leaders striving to shape the future and solve the world's most challenging problems. (<https://www.ucf.edu/unleashing-potential/>)

Preeminence Metrics

	2020	2021	2022	BENCHMARK
Average GPA and SAT score	4.2 / 1332	4.2 / 1315	4.3 / 1317	4.0 / 1200
Public university national ranking (number in top 50)	2	2	3	2
Freshman retention rate	91.0%	92.0%	92.0%	90.0%
Four-year graduation rate	43.7%	48.0%	50.0%	60.0%
National Academy memberships	7	8	8	6
Science & engineering research expenditures	\$186M	\$188M	\$182M	\$200M
Nonmedical science & engineering research expenditures	\$169M	\$170M	\$167M	\$150M
National ranking in STEM research expenditures	6	6	6	5
Patents awarded (over 3-year period)	138	145	157	100
Doctoral degrees awarded annually	415	466	510	400
Number of postdoctoral appointees	67	171	142	200
Endowment size	\$165M	\$163M	\$201M	\$500M

Source: <https://analytics.ucf.edu/performance/preeminence/>

Gold shading indicates metric benchmark met

Performance-Based Funding Metrics

	2020		2021		2022	
	Value	Score	Value	Score	Value	Score
Bachelor's graduates employed/continuing after 1 year	69.1%	8	69.1%	8	63.0%	4
Median wages of bachelor's graduates after 1 year	\$40,000	9	\$42,200	10	\$42,300	10
Average cost to student	\$7,580	10	\$4,690	10	\$4,110	10
FTIC 4-year graduation rate	46.3%	7	47.7%	8	50.0%	5
Academic progress rate	90.1%	10	91.4%	10	90.5%	10
Bachelor's degrees awarded in strategic emphasis areas	51.2%	10	52.9%	10	55.5%	10
University access rate	39.2%	9	37.6%	8	35.9%	8
Graduate degrees awarded in strategic emphasis areas	61.2%	10	60.5%	10	57.9%	9
FCS AA transfer 2-year graduation rate*	79.0%	9	32.2%	1	32.1%	1
Pell student 6-year graduation rate*	79.0%	9	71.3%	3	70.6%	3
Bachelor's degrees awarded to African American/Hispanic students	38.0%	7	39.0%	9	39.6%	9

Source: <https://analytics.ucf.edu/performance/performance-based-funding/>

* New in 2021, 5-point scale

University of Central Florida Peer Institutions

Operational Peers

Institution	City	State
Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
George Mason University	Fairfax	VA
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge	LA
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	NC
Portland State University	Portland	OR
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
University of Houston	Houston	TX
University of Kansas	Lawrence	KS
University of Missouri	Columbia	MO
University of North Carolina - Charlotte	Charlotte	NC
University of South Carolina	Columbia	SC
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL

University Innovation Alliance (UIA) Peers

Institution	City	State
Arizona State University	Tempe	AZ
Georgia State University	Atlanta	GA
Iowa State University	Ames	IA
Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI
North Carolina A&T State University	Greensboro	NC
Ohio State University	Columbus	OH
Oregon State University	Corvallis	OR
Purdue University	West Lafayette	IN
University of California - Riverside	Riverside	CA
University of Colorado Denver	Denver	CO
University of Illinois Chicago	Chicago	IL
University of Maryland - Baltimore County	Baltimore	MD
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	VA

State University System of Florida Peers

Institution	City	State
Florida A&M University	Tallahassee	FL
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL
Florida International University	Miami	FL
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	FL
Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL
New College of Florida	Sarasota	FL
University of Florida	Gainesville	FL
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	FL
University of South Florida	Tampa	FL
University of West Florida	Pensacola	FL